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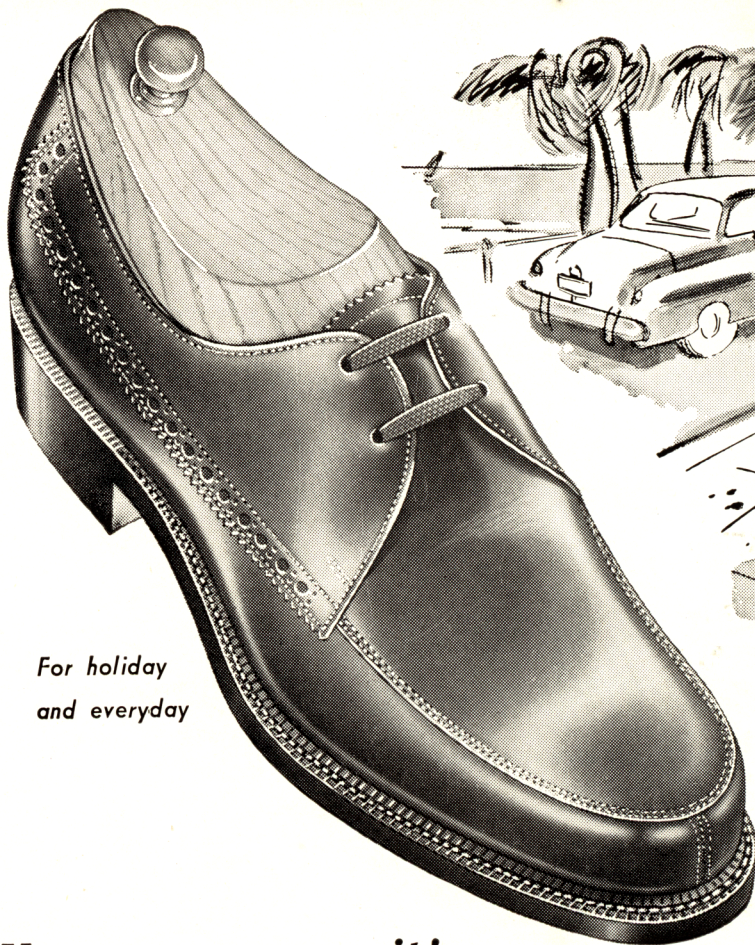
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## KEEPING POSTED

**R**ALPH J. SAUNDERS was entertaining his old Club Associates and their wives at his Scotland Island residence on Sunday, October 25th: Mick Niminski, Joe O'Sullivan, Les Nash, Reg Kenyon.

Ralph had just had his boat repainted and happened to warn his friends that the paint was not quite set, so: Please Do Not Walk on the Decks!

Joe O'Sullivan said: "What it wants is some heavy rain to set it."

Les Nash said: "No, better still, a heavy 'dew'."

Mick Niminski said: "Well, its practically set, for here I am, right here."

**A**LTHOUGH Ted Wales has many accomplishments, he hasn't yet been suspected of making his own "tenners." But ask him how he came to associate at Coff's Harbour with a certain Mr. "One-by-One."

**C.** MURRAY writes from Inverell with an interesting item: Looking through some old newspaper files he noticed a news-paragraph in an 1882 paper mentioning that the Gate of the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting of that year had been sold by auction for £1,500. He does not recall who auctioned the gate that year, but he does remember attending the sales of gate-takings conducted a few years later when J. Inglis (father of Reg. and Clive) was auctioneer. It seems a strange custom to us now; but at the time is seemed a logical way of ensuring that the budget for a meeting could be based on a known figure for the gate — come rain or shine.

Incidentally, 1882 was the year of Cunnamulla's Cup—and that's a long time back.

**T**HIS is, of course, the time of the Great Annual Southern Pilgrimage. For a while the Club has a deserted air, with so many familiar faces missing. Among friends who moved South to see Wodalla's Cup and the other races of the carnival were John Roles, Alf Collins, George Chiene, Albert Page, D. Boosuit, Reg. Alderson, Ted Forrest, C. K. McDonald, Lionel Israel, Bill Aitkenhead, A. Romano — to mention just a few.

**PETER HOUSTON** also is being welcomed back after a trip overseas.

**S**EVERAL members who went over to witness the Queen's Coronation are now returning, full of enthusiasm for the pageantry of the great occasion. Sid Kennedy and Chas. Eastment are both among those recently returned.

### EDITORIAL: This is Your Club

*There are more on the outside looking in than on the inside looking out — meaning that membership of this club could be more than doubled if the accommodation and physical space were available.*

*That's the picture — and it is as well that those of us on the inside looking out should appreciate its implications, for this reason:*

*A club is made or unmade by the support of its members, by the use to which they put it.*

*Do they dine in their club? Do they drink in their club? Do they have that game of snooker*

*or billiards in their club? Do they avail themselves of all their club's amenities, to their own and the club's well-being?*

*For club revenue springs from only one source — the members. It has no outside tributaries of replenishment.*

*What can be spent in the club should be spent in the club. By that means service is maintained on the highest level. Then your club measures up to what you expect it to be — and what it certainly should be if you will make it so.*



# Happy Birthday to You!

## NOVEMBER

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 C. W. Randall           | 19 C. W. Jackman      |
| 3 A. S. Harrison          | S. S. Melick          |
| 4 W. H. Bray              | M. M. Watson          |
| 5 K. J. Polking-<br>horne | 21 S. Peters          |
| Dr. N. H. Rose            | A. R. Harrison        |
| 7 K. S. Irwin             | A. L. Naughton        |
| 9 W. H. Travers           | 22 M. Zammit          |
| Stan Williams             | J. R. Reeves          |
| 10 J. J. Geard            | 23 D. N. Alexander    |
| 12 D. G. Oakley           | G. Crichton-<br>Smith |
| A. Sakzewski              | A. W. Perry           |
| Frank Lysons              | John W.<br>O'Brien    |
| 13 J. P. Ryan             | 24 D. H. B.<br>Adams  |
| J. D. Stuart              | N. W. Holman          |
| John Fisher               | 25 T. T. Manning      |
| 14 D. Mackie              | R. C. Dewley          |
| 15 Harold<br>Sidgreaves   | J. Hardiman           |
| G. C. Beards-<br>more     | 26 R. R. Coote        |
| E. D. Shaw                | 27 L. Noakes          |
| F. D. Foskey              | 29 W. H. Davies       |
| Dr. Hal Selle             | L. Wills              |
| 18 L. W. McIntosh         | 30 W. P. Foley        |
| V. A. Thick-<br>nesse     | H. (Barney)<br>Fay.   |

## DECEMBER

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 H. V. Berlyn       | M. P. Webber            |
| H. R. Van<br>Borssum | 17 E. O.<br>Crowhurst   |
| D. I. Boosuit        | Murt O'Brien            |
| 2 E. C. Murray       | J. J. Cromwell          |
| 3 T. B. Dwyer        | 18 H. G. Horner         |
| F. J. Lett           | 19 J. T. Jennings       |
| 4 M. D'Arcy          | 20 Harry<br>Sidgreaves  |
| C. E.<br>Donnelley   | A. E. Grounds           |
| 5 K. B. McGrath      | A. E. McCartney         |
| 6 P. J. Bray         | C. V. Holland           |
| George Parker        | Arthur Bull             |
| 7 A. C. Gelling      | 23 J. W. Gilligan       |
| H. H. Goldberg       | 24 H. W.<br>Broadfoot   |
| 8 N. G. Morris       | N. M. Shelton           |
| D. J. Mooney         | 25 W. K. Sherman        |
| Les W. Jones         | A. F. A. Little         |
| A. P. Rennix         | 26 H. J. Bartier        |
| 10 A. J. McDowell    | H. C. Higson            |
| G. G. Firkin         | 27 R. E. Sanderson      |
| C. J. Fahy           | 28 Dr. A. S.<br>Reading |
| J. M. Sawyer         | W. G. Tate              |
| A. F. Thomson        | 29 E. J. Hazell         |
| S. Y. Gresham        | 30 W. K. Dawes          |
| 12 W. Gourley        | 30 R. A. Swift          |
| C. E. Thompson       | E. J. McDowell          |
| 13 Eric Pratt        | 31 Jack Davis           |
| J. A. Nivison        | F. M. Power             |
| 14 M. Nimenski       | A. G. Leslie            |
| W. Longton           |                         |
| 15 David Paxton      |                         |
| R. T.<br>Cadwallader |                         |

Members are invited to notify  
the Secretary of the date of their  
Birthday.

SEVERAL members missed going to the Cup because of sickness. Clem Fader, for one, had a brief spell in hospital, but is home by now. And genial Tom Cook for another — also now well on the road to recovery, we hope. W. J. Blyth is reported progressing favourably. And news comes that Reg Inglis has successfully undergone an eye operation in Zurich, Switzerland.

MANY members, old and young, hastened to congratulate evergreen Bill Kerr when his filly, Middlebrook, won the Maiden Stakes at Randwick on 31st October. Bill, who races Middlebrook on lease from Kia-Ora, was the owner, years ago, of Leger and Epsom winner, Modulation; he had his last win with So Sweet, about five years ago. Veteran racegoers have noticed that he always wears a tie of his colours — yellow and dark blue — when he has a runner; and that certainly brought him well-deserved luck on the day.

### CLUB GIVES TROPHY FOR POLICE- CITIZENS BOYS CLUBS' CUP AT HAWKESBURY



This is the handsome 100 guinea trophy that the Club donated for the winning owner of the Police-Citizens Boys Clubs' Cup, run at Hawkesbury on Wednesday, 21st October.

DESPITE his obvious disappointment over the Cup, Mr. E. R. Williams had cause for congratulation enough on the following Saturday, when his horse, Hydrogen, won the C. B. Fisher Plate at Flemington. Stake for this race took Hydrogen's race-winnings to £57,179 — the greatest figure that any horse has ever won in Australia. Previous best was Phar Lap's £56,425, after which he won at Agua Caliente, Mexico. To pass Phar Lap's figure with his champion, Hydrogen, has long been an ambition of Mr. E. R. Williams; and the odds are that the horse will set yet a higher record in future w.f.a. events.

NEWCASTLE Tattersall's meeting on Saturday, 14th November, was a day of days. Apart from everything else it was Dave Mackie's birthday — yet another excuse for celebration and congratulation.

THE Green Room members in Melbourne have occasionally complained that it is the Sydney visitors who have most of the luck in their Club around Cup time. And this year, sure enough, it was Ken Fidden — cause for a little congratulation, when you see him.

ARTHUR NORTON, and Mrs. Norton like travelling, and have a particular soft spot for England. Although it is only recently that they returned to us, they were off again in the Himalaya when she sailed: destination, London.

THE news of L. V. (Snow) Lachal is, we are glad to hear, rather more promising. He has been seriously ill for the last few weeks, but there are high hopes that he will be back with us in the not-too-distant future.



# TATTERSALL'S CLUB SYDNEY

# ANNUAL RACE MEETING

RANDWICK RACECOURSE

*Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.*

## 1st DAY: FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1954

SEVEN EVENTS

**Added Money — £7,100**

**NEW YEAR'S GIFT—With £900 added.**

(For Three-Year-Olds)

Seven Furlongs

**TWO-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HANDICAP—**

**With £850 added**

(For Two-Year-Old Fillies)

Five Furlongs

**JUVENILE NOVICE HCP.—With £850 added**

(For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings)

Six Furlongs

**THE CARRINGTON STAKES—With £1,750 added**

Six Furlongs

(Entries close at 3 p.m. on

**MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 1953)**

**NOVICE HANDICAP—With £850 added**

(For Three-Year-Olds and Upwards)

One Mile and a Half

**DENMAN HANDICAP—With £1,000 added**

One Mile and a Quarter

**PACE WELTER—With £900 added**

Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb.

One Mile

## 2nd DAY: SATURDAY, 2nd JAN., 1954

SEVEN EVENTS

**Added Money — £7,750**

(Including Gold Cup valued at £300)

**NURSERY HANDICAP—With £850 added**

(For Two-Year-Olds)

Five Furlongs

**ENCOURAGE HANDICAP—With £850 added**

One Mile and a Quarter

**THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HCP.—**

**With £900 added**

One Mile

**FLYING HANDICAP—With £1,000 added**

Six Furlongs

**TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP—**

**With £2,000 added and a Gold Cup valued at £300**

One Mile and a Half

(Entries close at 3 p.m. on

**MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 1953)**

**HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP—With £900 added**

Lowest handicap weight not less than 8st. 7lb.

Seven Furlongs

**ALFRED HILL HANDICAP—With £950 added**

Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb.

One Mile and One Furlong

**ENTRIES** are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only, as follows:—

The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup before 3 p.m. on Monday, 30th November, 1953.

Minor Races (both days) before 3 p.m. on Monday, 14th December, 1953.

**WEIGHTS** to be declared as follows:—

The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup at 10 a.m., Monday, 14th December, 1953.

Minor Races, First Day, at 8 o'clock p.m., Saturday, 26th December, 1953.

Minor Races, Second Day, at 8 o'clock p.m., Monday, 28th December, 1953.

**ACCEPTANCES** are due with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only as follows:—

For all races on the First Day before 12 noon, Tuesday, 29th December, 1953.

For all races on the Second Day before 3 p.m., Tuesday, 29th December, 1953.

**PENALTIES:** In all races (The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races, shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine not exceeding in the aggregate 7 lb.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such a race without a division. The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the conditions of elimination, a horse, if an acceptor for more than one race, shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserved to itself the right in connected with any of the above races, should the existing conditions warrant it, to reduce the amount of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

M. D. J. DAWSON,  
Secretary.

157 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.



# HANDBALL



## Handballers Hold Popular Social Night

**On Tuesday, 13th October, our Handball Club members met and entertained those from Clovelly, Bondi and Coogee Clubs for a Handball night and social entertainment.**

THE evening commenced on the 3rd Floor with a Handball knock-out competition, arranged to give all competitors maximum enjoyment. The outstanding games were those between our Club Champion, George McGilvray, and Russell Allen, of the Clovelly Club; Eddie Davis (Tatts.) and Steve Nolan, of Bondi Club; Bruce Partridge (Tatts.) and Fred Hayes, of Bondi Club; Peter Lindsay (Tatts.) and Frank Burns, of Clovelly Club.

McGilvray versus Allen was a cracker game, and Handball seldom seen in our Club was played. McGilvray won, 31-25, but only after the toughest battle he had had in years. Young Russell Allen is to be congratulated on a very fine performance.

Eddie Davis caught Steve Nolan on an off-night and had no difficulty in winning his game, but Eddie would be the first to say that Steve is always a dangerous opponent and is capable of much better Handball. However, Eddie showed his true form and was the victor on this occasion. The other "Tatts." boys, Bruce Partridge and Peter Lindsay, had comfortable wins which made our team victors on the night.

After Handball, the visitors made good use of our Pool and about 8.30 we gathered on the 2nd Floor for a few friendly noggins and a bite to eat. Various members and visitors made the usual few speeches, and a good time was had by all present. Ben Clarke, of Bondi Club, kept

the gathering happy with his "Don Pedro" and "Rastus" tales, and we were pleased to welcome the following guests: Frank Falson, of Clovelly Club; Vic South, of Coogee Club; Steve Nolan, of Bondi Club; and Tom Abernethy, of Coogee Club; and a number of others. Members of Tatts. present included Arthur McCamley, John Shaffran, Bill Sellen (Jnr.), Eric Thomson and our players mentioned earlier. A most enjoyable and successful evening!

### THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championship draw for all grades has been announced and the details are shown on page 20.

Members are requested to co-operate with the Handball Committee and arrange games with their opponents as soon as convenient.

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## TATTERSALL'S CLUB SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Dancing and Concert in the Dining Room

on

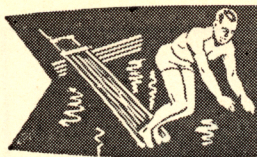
**SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1953**

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Secretary.





## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

# Flying Start to New Season

## GEOFF LAFOREST TAKES FIRST HONOURS

**Off to a flying start went the Swimming Club on 13th October for the 1953-54 season, and with 103 starters in the four races held so far there is every indication that this season will set new records.**

**F**IRST to get his name on the roll of honour is Geoff Laforest, who won the first monthly Point Score series narrowly from Max Wayland, with Harold Herman third another point away.

This was Geoff's first victory, and he appears to have regained his true form after a slight lapse at the end of last season.

Harold Herman seemed all set for the monthly trophy until Bill Kendall's flying finish touched him off in the last race.

Kendall swam the smart time of 19 secs. to win his final with a little in hand, and became the second swimmer to be docked a second from his handicap, the first being Cuth. Godhard, an old member of the Club, who is coming along regularly these days and is out to get back to his good form of some years ago.

The boys still think it was a bit tough to penalise Godhard, as on the same day he had made a magnificent gesture to the Swimming Club by giving a trophy valued at £20 for competition to celebrate his 20 years' membership of Tattersall's Club, and as a mark of

appreciation for the good times he had had in the Pool.

To our sportsman friend we give thanks!

Amongst the new members of the Swimming Club is Frank McCure, looking nearly as young as when he hung up an Australian record for 220 yards breast stroke. Actually it is worthy to note that Frank is still the holder of that Australian record, since Butterfly has been barred as Breast Stroke.

Laurie Trafford, who was a prominent member of North Bondi Surf Club and Bondi Swimming Club, has also raced, though he was a bit flighty off the mark and was "outed." Laurie spends a lot of time away from Sydney, but will be on deck whenever he is here.

Geoff Shaw, a likely looking swimmer, is also with us, and Harry Castle, who has been playing Handball for some time, is now also a swimmer. Harry reckons he's not good enough to race, but where he got that idea we don't know. It won't be long before he wins a race.

The terrible twins, late of Bondi, Allan Rennix and Fred

Clift, are taking the racing seriously and the former has figured in two finals, finishing eighth in the monthly contest.

A very pleasing feature of the opening day was the reappearance of Handicapper John Gunton, who has been taking things quietly for quite some time following illness. Members were delighted to see John and just to show how pleased they are they have not been giving him much work, keeping strictly to their handicaps.

Whilst on the subject of illness, everybody was very sorry to hear of popular Vic Richards' sudden illness, but it is good news to hear of his progress towards recovery. Keep your chin up, Vic!

George Goldie, too, is still recuperating from an operation, and we hope to see him in the Pool again, soon.

Another on the sick list is Bob Withycombe, and to him and all the others, the Swimming Club sends best wishes for speedy recovery.

Met Dr. Bruce Low in the Club the other day just before he left for London, where he is likely to stay for a lengthy period. Bruce was a regular a season or so back, but his medical duties prevented his turning up too often, the same is the case with Dr. Peter Gunton.

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## Record Entry for Pairs Knock-out Competition

**More and more members are adding their names to the ever-increasing list of Tattersall's Bowlers. In the Pairs Knock-out Competition, a record entry of 38 pairs will go to the post; whilst the "Fours" attracted sixty-nine nominations.**

**DURING** the month, three matches were played; our first against Vacluse at Double Bay on the 8th October, and this resulted in a very comfortable win for "Tatts." Scores—Jago, Buckle, Norbett-Jones, G. Booth (T.), 16; Lithgow, Ahearn, Williams, Gigg (V.), 29. W. Black, C. Traversi, Spencer, G. Webster (T.), 37; Lang, Renoy, Muller, King (V.), 16. Relton, G. Fay, Peters, Barmby (T.), 22; Hillier, Steel, Harris, Day (V.), 10. Gawler, Abbott, Kippax, McDonald (T.), 21; Lucas, Thompson, Leavine, Edson (V.), 13. Total: Tatts. 96, Vacluse 68.

Thursday, 15th October, was our big day against Waverley, and to those members responsible for such a grand day we offer our heartiest congratulations. At the Luncheon, President Gordon Booth welcomed the Chairman of Tattersall's, Mr. John Hickey, and President of Waverley, Mr. Les Fingleton, also the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Mr. Dave Dawson. After the very bright addresses given, we adjourned to the green, where

quite a number of very interesting battles were waged. On this occasion we went down by 8 points. Scores: A. Gillespie, Turner, Relton, Webster (T.), 34; Rayner, Hone, Haley, Johnson (W.), 21. Ball, Spencer, Read, Platts (T.), 22; Walker, Cox, Nettheim, Thompson (W.), 22. Hathaway, Abbott, Irwin, Norton (T.), 23; Plumb, Dewrick, Warton, Bradshaw (W.), 32. Buckle, E. Davis, Barmby, N. Jones (T.), 19; R. Emanuel, Dr. Porter, Manion, Faul (W.), 21. W. Simpson, S. Norton, Draper, Booth (T.), 17; Drewett, Gibbs, C. Emanuel, L. Fingleton (W.), 25. Dwyer, Gawler, Traversi, W. McDonald (T.), 21; De Saxe, Buck, Leason, Bimson (W.), 27. Passmore, Alexander, Peters, O'Shea (T.), 18; Godfrey, Moran, O'Brien, Mullan (W.), 27. Walker, Williams, Mackie, Kippax (T.), 24; Tucker, Blanch, Walker, Miller (W.), 21. Saulwick, Young, Black, Monro (T.), 35; Woolcock, H. Spyer, F. Spyer, Crome (W.), 25. Total: Tatts. 213, Waverley 221.

On October 22nd our match was against R.A.C.A. and this

time we had a winning margin of 21. Scores: Mitchell, McGrath, Peters, N. Jones (T.), 21; Marks, Tart, Witts, A'Dair (R.A.C.A.), 23. Abbott, J. Norton, Glynn, Bloomfield (T.), 23; Morris, Proud, Barnett, Bowman (R.A.C.A.), 21. Buckle, E. Davis, Monro, O'Neill (T.), 33; Haddock, Hogarth, Berge, Bailey (R.A.C.A.), 19. Ball, Saulwick, Turner, Traversi (T.), 29; Dibben, Graham, Seaugall, Barives (R.A.C.A.), 15.

Looking the acme of sartorial elegance and sporting a ten-gallon Panama, Ted Abbott was the envy of his colleagues on the Greens last week. In the Pairs Knock-out, Hole and Spencer, 18, defeated Lewis and Buck, 16, Fay and Booth, 24, defeated Voekler and Hill, 22. This game was particularly interesting and after an extra end Gordon Booth with the "Precise" Shot was able to snatch victory with his last bowl.

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# Sportsman Dave Mackie

## *and* NEWCASTLE TATTERSALLS

**Of all the friends who come under the heading of "old friends" long before they actually join our ranks, because we have long known them as visitors from associated clubs in other cities, there are few more welcome than Dave Mackie. In fact, he, with Lal Bowden, D. G. Fitzpatrick, and Brian O'Donnell, personify the strong ties of friendship that bind us to our fellow-club in Newcastle. That is why we have so naturally included with this article about Dave Mackie, some part of the interesting story of Newcastle Tattersall's Club.**

**O**F Dave Mackie, this can be said at once. That he is the finest type of sportsman in the widest sense of the term — unassuming, congenial, good company. Because he is an unassuming man it is a little difficult to get him to talk about himself — he will adroitly turn the conversation to tell of the good qualities of other people rather than mention anything he has accomplished himself. But he will readily talk of his Club, toward the welfare of which he has made many contributions over many years and in many capacities.

Dave Mackie was born and bred in Newcastle. His father was one of the city's best known personalities; he founded the furniture firm of J. Mackie and Company well before the turn of the century, and built it into one of the largest businesses in Blaine Street — now called Hunter Street. Dave joined his father as soon as he left school, and finally took control of the company in 1929. He is proud of the fact that the third generation of Mackie's is now part of the business — both of his sons

are with the firm and give a real point to the "and Company."

Times have not always been easy in Newcastle — or elsewhere, for that matter — since Dave took over the running just before the depression. But the firm was solidly built and survived the shocks and turmoils of the years under his very capable guidance.

At school, Dave Mackie played Union, but League claimed him in the following years. He played five-eighths for Waratah with some distinction — he can remember games in the old sportsground at Newcastle, now long demolished and built over. His two sons have followed him in their choice of the League code; the elder played for a while for South Sydney after being a star for G.P.S.; the younger is a member of the Waratah Club.

But it is bowls that have claimed Dave's attention and affection. He joined Waratah Bowling Club as far back as 1920, and was their secretary for a couple of years apart from being a player of some note. In 1936 he joined the newly-formed



National Park Bowling Club as a foundation member, and has played with them ever since, appearing with some success in the Pennant series.

The Sport of Kings has always had his interest, and he has been a member of the N.J.C. for a great many years — and a follower of Randwick form, too, particularly at our own Meetings. Dave does not class himself as a punter at all, and although he has been several times tempted, he has not yet joined the ranks of owners.

It was in part his enjoyment of racing, in part his natural friendliness, that lead him to Newcastle Tattersall's in 1934. Right from the first he took a keen interest in the welfare of the Club, and it was almost a natural sequence that he should nominate for the Committee in 1942. He surprised himself by



topping the poll — a tribute, also, to the good judgment of his fellow-members. He was re-elected committeeman each year until 1949, when he was elected to the President's chair on the retirement of Lal Bowden, who had been president without break since 1937.

Dave Mackie conned the Newcastle Club through the difficult post-war period, and was given the honour of life-membership when he retired from administration in 1951. One of his most notable achievements was the organisation of the re-establishment of the regular race-meetings of Newcastle Tattersall's after a gap of fifteen years. Now the Club conducts two meetings a year with marked success.

Newcastle Tattersall's Club itself has an interesting history — its establishment in 1896 takes us a fair way back toward our own commencement in 1858; and the record shows that it was the example of our Club that patterned their early days. The actual founding took place on February 10, 1896, at a public meeting called by Mr. M. J. Moroney, at the Hunt Club Hotel. Mr. Moroney had been a founder of the Newcastle Jockey Club, and was a member of the Committee of that club when a number of Newcastle bookmakers applied for permission to run hack races on the Saturdays that had no other racing fixture. The Jockey Club committee had replied wisely that they would be prepared to grant dates for meetings to any club formed on the same lines as Tattersall's, Sydney, and the meeting called by Moroney and his friends was the outcome of that decision.

A committee under Mr. Moroney was duly elected to deal with the formation of the Club,

and the inaugural meeting was held on March 10th of the same year. Premises were rented from Mr. Mayhew, in King Street, and the Club launched itself with 87 members — 27 bookmaking and 60 private. M. J. Moroney was elected president, a position which he held for the next two years and again in 1901.

The infant club prospered from the first. But in 1904 a move was made to new premises at the Central Hotel in Market Street at a rather higher rental, and that very nearly proved the undoing of the Club. There was a deficit for several years, and in 1909 there was a motion to wind up the affairs — a motion that was fortunately defeated at the general meeting. The following years saw an improvement, although the membership was still only around 250. Then came the first world war, and once again it looked as though the struggling club would have to close its doors. But 1917, and the presidency of "Bob" Price was the turning-point in the club's affairs. By 1922 membership was up to 350, and in 1923 finances were so healthy that the new president, Bert Light, suggested that it was time for members to consider purchasing or building their own premises. Actually it was not until 1934 that the step of purchasing the present fine building was taken. This was extensively altered and enlarged in 1938, by which time membership had grown to 700. Finances continued healthy, and the meeting of 1939 enthusiastically heard the news that the premises and the costs of rebuilding had all be completely paid for.

Recent years call for little comment. Newcastle Tattersall's

responded loyally during the war years — both by the actual service of members in the armed forces and by the support of all other patriotic efforts. In 1945 the constitution of the Club was formally established under a special Act of Parliament.

Funnily enough, the original purpose for which the Club was formed — the running of hack races — was never carried out. To help the new club, the Jockey Club granted them a meeting on 21st November, 1896 — the principal race, Newcastle Tattersall's Club Cup, was won by Mr. J. Jewell's E. K., at 16-1. Annual meetings started in February, 1897, and continued for about 10 years. Then there was a break until 1922 when an agreement was made to race at Rutherford with the Maitland Jockey Club. In 1926 that agreement was transferred to the Newcastle Jockey Club and lasted until 1931. Then there were a couple of meetings at Boolaroo, and on November 2nd, 1935, a Centenary Meeting at Rutherford following a request by the Maitland Centenary Committee. A meeting at Singleton on May Day, 1936, was the last until the regular fixtures with the N.J.C. were revived under Dave Mackie's presidency in 1951.

Of the hospitality and the friendliness of our sister-club we have spoken but little — there are so many occasions so vivid in the minds of members who have visited Newcastle that it seemed scarcely necessary. But if you wish to know more about the story of Newcastle Tattersall's — then it is simple to ask Dave Mackie when next you see him. He will enjoy telling you.



# SLEDMERE . . .

## *the Stud that's run by Science*

**Out on the Bunnan Road, some three miles from Scone, is the old stud property of Sledmere — a stud famous for nearly seventy years continuously as the birthplace of racing thoroughbreds. Bought six years ago by Sydney businessman, Mr. M. V. Point, Sledmere has taken a new lease of life. Maybe it is the oldest stud in N.S.W. to have bred thoroughbreds without a break — some say the oldest in Australia — but it is now the centre of some of the latest in scientific experiments for the breeding and rearing of racehorses.**

SOME of the new methods of dietetic feeding and the biological control of parasites would undoubtedly make the earlier stud-masters of Sledmere turn in their graves; but these self-same methods — and their results—are being closely watched by trainers, owners and thoroughbred-lovers throughout the State.

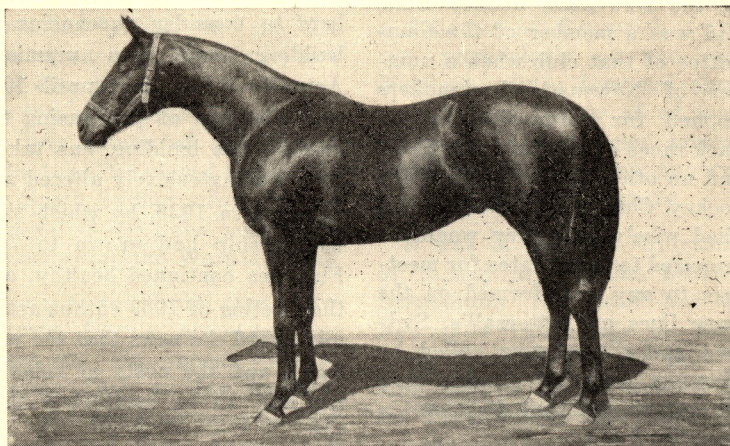
Sledmere was first founded as a stud by Dr. J. R. Thompson around 1890. He chose it for a reason that had a scientific backing at the time — and still is considered of prime importance by many modern breeders — that the land around Scone was good limestone and ironstone country. The idea had originated in Ireland, where many of the best studs are on similar country; although the modern opinion is that any mineral deficiency can be corrected by chemical top-dressing of pastures. Which-ever is the more sensible view-

point, there is no doubt that good, mineral-rich pastures are essential to grow big, sturdy — and speedy — thoroughbreds.

Sledmere was bought by the late Sir Hugh Denison in partnership with the Victorian breeder, Mr. Guy Raymond. After a few years the partnership was dissolved, but Sir Hugh carried on for the remainder of his life-

time with mixed success. The stud was continued and managed by the trustees of his estate after he died, until M. V. Point bought the whole property outright in December, 1947. Together with the next-door property, Nairobi, which he purchased some while later, Mr. Point now has a 1,000-acre stud which he runs with all the foresight and care of a successful business man, the enthusiasm of a hobbyist and something of the purposeful drive of a zealot. The result is a stud with methods that are of a more-than-ordinary interest.

Mr. Point had long been interested in racing, both as an owner and occasionally as a breeder — he had a mare or two at Sled-



*Royal Empire (imp.) (Admiral Drake-Aethelflaed), at Sledmere.*

(Engraving lent by "Thoroughbreds" Magazine)



mere when it was still in the hands of Sir Hugh Denison's trustees, and knew the potentialities of the place some while before he finally decided to buy it. At the end of the war he had raced Belle Femme, a winner at Rosehill, Grand Mosaic and Magnetic. Always a keen student of the breeding and management of horses, the chance of ownership of Sledmere became a temptation he was unable to resist. But, having bought, he realised that if he was going to break even in his new venture — let alone raise the standard of Australian breeding as he hoped to do — he would have to learn all he could of the latest developments in other parts of the world. The obvious decision was to travel and find out for himself at first-hand, and he made a world tour to amass information almost as soon as the ancient title-deeds were transferred.

During the first months of 1948, he studied the practices of world-famous breeders and their establishments in England, France and the United States. He learnt a deal of the theories of choosing bloodlines — still

perhaps more of an art than a science. And he found, particularly in the U.S., new ideas in successful operation for ensuring the health and growth of mares and foals, to give the greatest effect to the care exercised in matings. And, as a business man, he investigated methods of management and control that could ensure that the new theories were correctly carried out and their results properly assessed and tested.

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When he returned to Australia he made changes at Sledmere by degrees until undoubtedly previous visitors would scarcely know the place. Sledmere is now a most beautiful stud — a show-place; the gardens are a delight of flowers and fruits, and the old home-

stead has been almost rebuilt to give all the comforts of modern living yet retain the atmosphere of earlier and more spacious days. It took a lot of thought, a deal of money — and, not the least, a great quantity of paint; six tons of it, to be precise. The original four-roomed home of Dr. Thompson had been enlarged extensively by Sir Hugh Denison. Now it is a lovely home of 14 rooms.

As well as the old Nairobi homestead there are four other pleasant cottages for stud grooms and staff. Then there are all the usual and extensive appurtenances of a big stud — 35 yearling boxes, stables and barns, sheds and tanks and silos. Complete innovations are the veterinary hospital and small surgery, with isolation boxes; and a compact but well-equipped pathological laboratory.

Sledmere is mostly gently rolling country, carefully paddocked to give a rotation of stock and crops. Mostly they grow their own feed—the property cropped 3,000 bags of oats last year and a hundred tons of lucerne hay. You have only to look casually

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## **SLEDMERE**—from previous page

to understand that here is the property of a man who loves the land.

The business man is obvious in the careful organisation of the place. The manager is Mr. Alec Young, who was for years manager of Barooka for Rodney Dangar. Under his eye are the two divisions of the organisation—the thoroughbred side, which is capably controlled by head stud groom, D'Arcy Walden, who has been at Sledmere for sixteen years; and the agricultural side, managed by Roy Collison, another old member of Sledmere, who has as one of his subsidiaries, all the plant and machinery. The resident veterinary surgeon, Jack Francis, is responsible for the health and welfare of the four-footed population.

Control is assisted by routine and system. There is a fully-detailed veterinary card kept for every horse and foal from birth. Jack Francis sees every animal twice a day—and it is not by any means always a casual glance. The teeth of mares and stallions are examined twice a year; there is a close inspection of feet every three months—

and so on. For the vet., this routine is punctuated by more interesting happenings; they even undertook a successful caesarean section a year or two ago in the stud's surgery.

But the most interesting part of Sledmere is that part started by the zealot in Mr. Point. Scientific feeding has been brought to a fine art at Sledmere; mares are carefully grouped by blood-counts and observation of constitution and temperament, and each group separately given the ration calculated to give the maximum results in growth and health. Irrespective of pasture or season, all brood mares and young stock are fed twice a day, with special feed that includes grain vitamins and cereal-germ, with calcium and other additives, all carefully adjusted to the group to which the stock belongs. Foals are encouraged to feed from the trough at 30 days old, partly to assist in weaning when the times comes, partly to ensure that they gain some benefit from the additives in the feed ration.

All stock and pastures, too, are under continuous parasite

control—originally an American idea. This means the careful rotation of stock in paddocks to prevent infestation, and regular dosing to eradicate any possible infection of any animal before internal damage can be done. Sledmere yearlings are free of round or bloodworms—and have been free of these growth-retarding equine enemies since birth. And all foals, just to be on the safe side, are inoculated for life against strangles and tetanus.

Handling is not forgotten. Foals are led from seven days old onward, and in a month or two are reasonably accustomed to rope and headstall.

The stock at Sledmere consists of over sixty mares—mostly bought by Point in England and France; forty or fifty yearlings and three stallions—as well as a dozen work-horses and other mares being boarded. The first stallion bought after the change of ownership was Royal Trophy, by English Derby winner, Windsor Lad. His progeny have included Royal Impression and other winners interstate.

Precotant, the second stallion purchased, now has his first pro-



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geny racing and several like First Chapter, have won or look very promising. Precotant won 10 races in France and gained 24 places — he is by the leading national stallion of France, Pampiro.

Greatest interest centres on the newest addition, Royal Empire. Now a five-year-old, this fine horse was the best three-year-old of his year in France, was second in the Grand Prix and also won a number of races in England, including an Aintree Derby; the horse was rated in a Free Handicap at 9 st. 1 lb. He was bred by M. Volterra, by Admiral Drake from Aethelflaed. His sire was a Grand Prix winner, a leading sire in France for several years, and a son of famous Spearmint. Royal Empire had a year at stud in England and was bought by Point from Jack Hilton — probably a lucky purchase for he has let down into a fine-looking stallion and is now fully settled into the routine at Sledmere.

With all this care and thought, from all these innovations and unusual methods, Mr. M. V. Point frankly doubts whether he will ever make any great return from his investment. But he will be more than satisfied if his ideas of ensuring the maximum chance of health and growth in mares and foals, the maximum chance of parasite-free yearlings, pays off in raising the standard of the thoroughbred in New South Wales.

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Died 26/10/1953

Dr. A. T. NISBET

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# FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE

## *and the Start of the V.R.C.*

**The history of the Victorian Racing Club has much in common with that of the premier body of New South Wales. It was not the first club of the Southern State, and its course at Flemington was not only under other jurisdiction in the very early days, but actually it was not the scene of the first race meeting in Victoria.**

SO far as can be gleaned from the records the first Victorian race meeting was held on March 6, in 1838, on an improvised course somewhere in the locality of the present Spencer St. railway station, and the first ruling body was graced with the name of Port Philip Turf Club. To this latter is given the credit of making August 1 the day from which horses in Australia take their ages.

At this first race meeting there were four races. Two were won by Mountain Maid and two by Postboy; the largest field was

four; there was an attendance of 500.

The first course did not please the pioneers, who set about looking for a more favourable site, and the flats by the Salt Water River — now the Maribyrnong — were hit upon. Accordingly, in 1840 a three days' meeting was arranged and Flemington came into being. At least it was soon named Flemington, for a small hamlet sprang up, a leading identity of which was the genial butcher, Bob Fleming, a personality indeed, for Fleming's town it became, or Flemington.

As the A.J.C. had its early troubles in regard to land, so the Victorians had to struggle to get their occupation of Flemington put on a sound footing. It was not until 1847 that all formalities were disposed of, trustees appointed, and a Crown lease granted of 10 years, later increased to 21, and then to 99, at the rent of one peppercorn per annum.

In these early days at Flemington, the winning post was on the far side of the course on the river bank, practically on the site of the present mile start, and the officials did not realise their error and the potentialities of the hill as a natural grandstand until some twenty years later.

The Victorian Racing Club, as such, was not begun until 1864. Prior to that year there had been various clubs, but the two main bodies were the Victorian Jockey Club and Victoria Turf Club, who had varied success during the years from 1850 to 1864. It appears that while both bodies raced at Flemington there was nothing but discord and jealousy, with the result that neither proved a financial success. Those with the well-being of racing at heart called a conference, the result of which was that the Victoria Racing Club was formed. That body offered to take over the liabilities of the older clubs provided the clubs were dissolved. Immediately



*A rather unkind picture of Flemington taken during a brief shower a few weeks before Cup Day. But it is Melbourne's showers that help the gardeners of the V.R.C. to put on such a fine show of flowers, green lawns and shady trees at this beautiful course for the "first Tuesday in November."*

(Photo.—Courtesy "Sporting Life")



after its inception Mr. Henry Creswick was appointed the first chairman, and Mr. R. C. Bagot, secretary, at £150 per annum. Mr. Bagot died in 1881 and was succeeded by Mr. Byron Moore, who in turn was followed by Mr. A. V. Kewney, so that the club had but three secretaries during the first 70-odd years of its existence.

From the start the Victoria Racing Club made excellent progress. Under its jurisdiction, Flemington was remodelled and changed until it became one of the best racecourses in the world, with its wealth of training tracks and accommodation for the enormous crowds of Melbourne Cup Day.

Actually the V.R.C. did not run the first Melbourne Cup, which was staged from its inception in 1861 by the Victoria Jockey Club and won in the first two years by Mr. E. E. de Mestre's Archer. When the V.R.C. took over it proceeded to build up the Cup until it is one of the famous horse races of the world. From £200 at first, the prize increased to £500 in 1876, the £1,000 mark was reached in 1883; it went steadily to £5,000 in 1889, and in 1890 the first 10,000 pounder was contested.

It was fitting that the result should be worthy of that occasion, for there was a record field of 39, the record weight of 10.5 was carried to victory, and a then record time set in 3.28½. The horse who rose to those heights is still the idol of the dwindling band of old-timers who remember him and undoubtedly

a very great horse he was — Carbine.

For several years the £10,000 Cups were kept going, but lean times intervened, followed by World War 1, but the club kept the prize well worth while, and seldom fell below £5,000. Of recent years it has, of course, gone to the £10,000 standard again.

In order to cope with the ever-growing crowds at Flemington, the V.R.C. has had many problems, and has been compelled to alter the layout of its enclosures on several occasions. The introduction of the totalisator meant still further reconstruction and reorganisation, but somehow 100,000 people or more managed to wedge their way into the course to see the Cup.

From these changes there came one sorrowful note, par-

ticularly from the older generation, who scarcely approved of the expansion of the bricks and concrete, into which they read the commercialisation of racing. Before the reconstruction, the betting ring and members' enclosure were sheltered by the tiny forest of elms. In fact, "under the elms" was a phrase sacred to Flemington. But the club had to move with the times, and its requirements, and the hub of activities in 1923 was shifted to its present position, and the elms left to be just a memory or a haven of quiet for those who care to travel so far away from the turmoil of race day.

The circumference of Flemington race track is one mile three furlongs and 111 yards, with practically a three furlong straight. The Newmarket

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# SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

## BOXING

AUSTRALIA'S last world championship fight was at Sydney Stadium, Rushcutter Bay, on Boxing Day, 1908, when Jack Johnson deprived Tommy Burns of the heavyweight title, the contest being stopped by the police in the 14th round.

Johnson became the first coloured man ever to win the championship. Burns, a French-Canadian whose real name was Noah Brusso, had held it since 1906.

The result of the fight caused distress in many parts of the United States, where a long and depressing search for a "white hope" ensued.

The fight was marred by much clinching, and the men, under the system then in vogue in America, were allowed to hit on the break.

This led to a further campaign against "prize fights" and allegations that the title bout had been "savage" and "demoralising."

Johnson had pursued Burns around the world for a championship contest. There was much bitterness between them.

During the fight they hurled insults at each other. Johnson, always the master, kept up a running fire of words, mostly contemptuous.

Burn's seconds shouted a secret code of signals, like that used by grid-iron football teams, to their man. But the plan went awry; the shouted signals confused Burns.

Many believed that Johnson could have finished off Burns in half the time, but that he preferred to prolong the contest in order to enjoy his opponent's discomfort.

Johnson held the title until July 4, 1915, when giant American cowboy Jess Willard, at Toledo (Ohio), knocked him out in the 26th round and put two of his famous gold teeth down his throat.

This was not the first world title contest in Australia, or in Sydney.

Burns, by beating Marvin Hart in America in 1906 had gained the heavyweight championship vacated by unbeaten Jim Jeffries.

He was not fully recognised throughout the world until after a series of contests which included some against the Australian champion, Bill Squires. He had knocked out Squires in the first round at San Francisco. Squires's challenge had been supported by Melbourne sportsman and financier, Mr. John Wren, who died recently.

In Sydney, on August 24, 1908, Burns knocked out Squires in the 13th round, and in Melbourne on September 2 he knocked out Bill Lang in the second round. These contests are listed among world title events.

The Burns-Johnson fight took place at the open-air Stadium, close to the site of the present covered Stadium. It began at 11 o'clock in the morning. The referee was the promoter, Hugh D. McIntosh.

It was fine and cloudy throughout the fight. There was a crowd of 20,000 and as many more people were unable to get into the Stadium.

Women were barred, but half a dozen eluded the gatekeepers. One woman wore a man's overcoat and a boxer hat.

Admission charges ranged from 10/- to £10. Takings were over £26,000. Burns, as titleholder, had been guaranteed £6,000. Johnson got only £1,500; but he later had his turn at dictating title fight terms.

Johnson was 30 years old, and Burns 27. But Johnson, weighing 13 st. 10 lbs. and 6 ft. 1½ in. tall, had big advantages

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over plucky, cocksure Burns, 12 st. and 5 ft. 7 in.

Burns was favourite in the betting.

"The Sydney Morning Herald" account of the contest said:

"Johnson won in every department of the game, and at every stage. He represents a class in himself. Burns was badly punished; Johnson was unmarked and practically unhit."

Within five seconds of the start Johnson hit Burns with his renowned uppercut and Burns went down for a count of "six." A few moments later he was down again.

Much of the fighting was done in clinches. In out-fighting Burns could not reach Johnson; in the persistent close-in work, Johnson was the master, punching Burns heavily before they broke free.

In the 13th round Burns was saved by the gong. At the end of that round Police Superintendent Mitchell and Dr. Maitland conferred.

In the 14th round Johnson attacked furiously. Burns, helpless, was knocked down for "eight."

Soon after Burns rose, Superintendent Mitchell climbed into the ring and waved Johnson back. Referee McIntosh declared Johnson the winner.

The crowd, whose sympathy throughout had been with Burns, left the Stadium dejected and rather silent.

It appreciated Johnson's great fighting ability, but it disliked the man.

Johnson died in 1946 from injuries received in a motor smash.

Burns continued fighting un-

til Joe Beckett knocked him out in London in 1920. On Christmas Day, 1948, Burns was ordained a minister in California.

## TENNIS

AUSTRALIA'S Davis Cup selectors have some heavy thinking ahead of them.

That their job is more difficult than usual is shown by the fact they will watch the Queensland, N.S.W. and Victorian championships.

A four-man team of Rosewall, Hoad, Rose and Hartwig has been named and selectors have the power to add to the squad.

One imagines any addition would be purely for the purpose of giving the players selected practice against a particular type of game.

At the moment Rosewall looks the only certainty to take the courts in the Challenge Round and the battle for the other positions is going to invest the State titles with tremendous interest.

Much of this interest will focus on Rex Hartwig, the player who got the last overseas trip only because of public subscription.

Abroad he proved the selectors haywire by some sterling performances which included defeating Seixas and taking Trabert to five sets.

In addition he won the U.S. national doubles with Mervyn Rose.

Some critics are convinced Australia will field a two-man team consisting of Rosewall and Hoad, but this would be imposing a tremendous job on the 18-year-old youngsters.

Neither of them has had any Davis Cup experience and it

would be a testing debut to play in all matches of a Challenge Round.

If Hoad clinches the second singles place on this year's form—we are assuming Rosewall will hold the No. 1 position—then the selectors might well use Rose-Hartwig in the doubles to lighten the load on the boys.

They would be odds-on to beat the American pair.

## BREEDING

MR. E. A. Underwood's b. or br. h., Wodalla, 4 yrs., Helios (imp.), The Rip.

As a matter of fact, until recently, Wodalla's breeder-owner, V.R.C. vice-chairman, Mr. E. A. Underwood, had entertained some doubts about the staying capacity of Wodalla, despite his good second to My Hero in the Caulfield Cup.

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Mr. Underwood's doubts arose from the belief that there were weaknesses in The Rip dam of Wodalla coming from distant generations.

Now it seems that the mating of Helios and The Rip has resulted in that nick that is the hope and aim of every breeder. Without question Helios must be numbered among the gamest horses in Australia.

He was sent to this country together with Dhotti to be prepared so that he could race for the late Duke of Kent, then Governor-General designate.

Because of war-time conditions Helios had only two starts in England. He was being trained for the Melbourne Cup and having shown distinct promise over-reached when pulling up after a gallop, fracturing the near fore pastern.

For months, Helios was in a sling with the injured foot kept off the ground.

Helios went on to become the leading sire in Australia in 1948-49. He got Beau Gem, Carbon Copy, Phoibos and Bronton, some of the best horses in the land.

It is probable that the mating of Midstream (imp.) with Passage, dam of The Rip, passed on to the latter some of the qualities to be found in so many of his stock.

## SAILING

AUSTRALIA'S first Olympic-style regatta will be held on Sydney Harbour during the Queen's visit next February.

The regatta will be held over five days — from January 26 to February 5.

Three of the classes which have been selected for the Melbourne Olympic Games will take part in the regatta.

These are the Dragon, Star, and 12-square metre class yachts.

The two other classes for the 1956 Games — the 5.5 metre and the Finn Monotype — will not race at the regatta.

Dragon class yachts will race for the Duke of Edinburgh Cup, which the Duke will present to the winning skipper while he is in Sydney.

The famous old 21-foot restricted class championship also will be held during the regatta.

## ATHLETICS

TWO of the State's leading half-milers may be asked to assist Victorian John Landy when he attacks the world mile record in Melbourne in December.

The runners are Jim Bailey of St. George, and Bill Butchart, of Botany.

Recently they starred in half-

mile runs at the interclub meeting at Moore Park.

The record is held by Gundar Haag at 4 m. 1.4 s. Last season, in Melbourne, Landy clocked 4 m. 2.1 s.

He intends to make attacks on the record in December.

The possibility of a run with Landy in a world record attempt is a big incentive for both runners.

It arose after fine half-miles by both men in interclub competitions at Moore Park.

Bailey, running against University, clocked 1 m. 55.8 s. for the 880 yards, only four-tenths of a second off his own interclub record.

Butchart clocked 1 m. 57 s. for Botany against Eastern Suburbs.

Butchart was remarkably fresh at the finish and the merit of his time was that he had run a fine 220 yards in 22.7 s. an hour earlier.

## RACING IN AMERICA

TWO horses so dominate the American turf that some of the experts fear they may be the ruin of U.S. racing.

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Native Dancer, a powerful, ghostly-looking, three-year-old grey, and Tom Fool, a grinning bay giant of a four-year-old, simply are too good for all except each other. Not another horse can be found that stands a chance against them, and the betting industry is in chaos. Fields have been reduced drastically, because it's a waste of time to race against them.

Though it's still a question which is the greater of the two, Native Dancer is far and away the more glamorous, and fairly qualifies as one of the immortals in the history of the U.S. turf.

Impossible comparisons are made between him and such as Man o' War, Citation, and other great thoroughbreds of the past. At the rate he is making money, the Dancer will soon challenge Citation's place as top prize winner of all time (1,085,760 dollars).

Thanks to a phenomenal television build-up, the Dancer has captured the imagination of the American public as no horse ever before. He is the country's No. 1 TV star. Almost every move he makes rates a newspaper column or a picture. Clara Bow was the "It" girl of the movies. The Dancer may not have as attractive curves, but he has that something that makes the public want to turn around and take another look.

They cheer the Dancer when he comes on to the course, and boo the management because they restrict the betting. The crowd begins roaring long before the mighty grey finishes his races. In taverns and other establishments of liquid refresh-

ment they yell at the bartender to turn on the television — it's time to see what Native Dancer does this time.

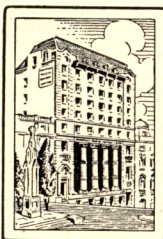
What makes this husky son of Polynesian-Geisha such a box office attraction? Possibly it's because he is playful, often lazy and often wins his races by margins so slim that his backers shudder. His owner, millionaire Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt; his trainer, Bill Winfrey; and his jockey, Eric Guerin, shared the utmost misery with hundreds of thousands of racing fans all over the country when Australian-sired Dark Star (Royal Gem was the sire) beat the Dancer by a head in the Kentucky Derby. It was his only defeat.

Vanderbilt rates the Dancer above the famous Discovery.

"Discovery won some awfully good races, but this grey one is really consistent," says Vanderbilt. "He's just as good as ever he was, and improving all the time."

Native Dancer, who stands 16.1 hands and weighs better than 1,100 pounds, is from noble heritage in both lines of his pedigree. His daddy, Polynesian, was one of the fastest horses of his years. He traced through Sickie to Phalaris, one of the most successful male lines in England or America to-day. The Dancer's dam, Geisha — from which he gets his grey colour — was a daughter of Discovery, and there, through Display, is the male line of Fair Play, who was one of the greatest sires

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## HANDBALL—

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Our members were dismayed to learn that popular member, Vic Richards, had suffered a serious collapse and was rushed to "Gloucester House." However, they will be pleased to hear that, although he is still seriously ill, he is doing well and we hope he continues this way and will be back with us before long.

A party of our members connected with the footwear industry, including Bill Sherman, Snr.; Bill Sherman, Jnr.; Peter Lindsay; Allan McCamley; Reg. Burnham; Arthur McCamley and his wife; journeyed to Melbourne town for the National Footwear Fair. They all travelled on M.S.V. "Duntroon" and enjoyed the trip so much that they returned on M.S.V. "Manoora." How lucky can some people be!

Whilst I was speaking to Sam Block recently, he mentioned that he was going to see his mother. The dear old soul is over 80 and still hale and hearty. Marvelous people, the old ones, aren't they!

Congratulations once again to Steven Blau and Joe Harris for the success of "Prince Morvi" in the Victorian Derby. It is very nice to own a champion.

## SPORTS TOPICS—

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of stamina the U.S. ever produced.

He is probably the greatest factor in popularising the grey horse in the history of American Racing. The current American Racing Manual's roster of outstanding horses does not include a grey, but one thing is certain. The Dancer's name and record will be included when his racing days are ended.

## HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

A GRADE				
1st Round	2nd Round	Semi-Finals	Finals	
	G. McGilvray v. P. Lindsay	} _____	}	} WINNER
	M. Sellen v. _____			
J. O. Dexter v. A. McCamley	} _____	} _____	}	
F. Harvie v. B. Partridge	} _____	} _____	}	
	Z. Lazarus v. C. H. Woodfield	} _____	}	
	E. E. Davis v. _____			

B GRADE				
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E. Thompson v. E. T. Penfold	<div> <div></div> <div>v.</div> <div>G. Boulton</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>v.</div> <div></div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>v.</div> <div></div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>WINNER</div> </div>
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W. W. Kirwin v. J. Shaffran	<div> <div></div> <div>v.</div> <div>V. Thicknesse</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>v.</div> <div></div> </div>		
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S. B. Solomon v. K. Francis					} _____ }
T. Barrell v. H. B. Castles	} _____ }	} _____ }			
C. Laforest v. P. Williams			} _____ }		} _____ }
R. G. Spencer v. Neil Barrell	} _____ }	} _____ }			
	C. Godhard				



# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ **November, 1932**

NOVEMBER, 1932, should be memorable for Hans Robertson. At that time he was the Club's swimming champion, he had won the Club's snooker championship — and, during the month he won the A. C. Ingham Golf Cup with a nett 64 at N.S.W.

NOVEMBER, 1932, saw a stirring struggle between ourselves and C.T.A. Club for the premiership in the Inter-Club Games Competition. The competition had actually finished as a tie, with Tattersall's and C.T.A. on 26 points each, one ahead of Masonic. The play-off was on the 30th November on our "home ground"—and, rather to most people's surprise, we took the billiards, the dominoes and the bridge; C.T.A. triumphed in the snooker. Net result — ourselves, 29 points to C.T.A.'s 27. There was something of a celebration to mark the event!

THE magazine of November, 1932, provides a link with early racing days in N.S.W. Recorded is the passing of a grand old veteran, Mr. W. L. Davis. He was one of the original syndicate that bought and made Canterbury Park, and later laid out Gosford racecourse. He had been a member of the Club since before the turn of the century, and was close to his ninetieth year when he died. He was one of the rare and select company of life-members of the Club.

INTERESTING to record other life-members of 1932. The list is headed by Mr. James Barnes, under whose chairmanship the move from the old premises in Pitt Street had been made. Messrs. James Bradbury, John Gough, P. J. Hourigan, M. T. Kinnane, S. J. Monie, John Samuel and Sir John Harrison.

THEN, as now, the Swimming Club was starting the new season. November point score was taken by Vic. Richards — a relative newcomer. Competition was keen, Hans Robertson, Alec Richards, Sid Lorking, Ken Hunter, Frank Carberry, Stan Carroll, were all on or near the scratch mark, all keen to take the year's honours.

*IN the golf, the outing in November, 1932, was at N.S.W. As mentioned, Hans Robertson won the play for the Ingham Cup with an 88 off 24, net 64. J. Normoyle took the A Grade with a net 67, N. Longworth the B grade with a 69.*

A PART from the rather intensive sporting activities of the month, members were looking forward to the usual Christmas celebrations. There was a dinner and dance down for Christmas Eve, plus the usual Scramble by the Swimming Club. 1932 was the turning-point of the depression and the Club, which had been carefully conned through a most difficult time, was looking forward to a far, far better 1933.

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### NOVEMBER

Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 21  
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Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 28  
(At Randwick)

### DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club .... Sat. 5  
(At Rosehill)

Sydney Turf Club .... Sat. 12  
(At Rosehill)

Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 19  
(At Randwick)

Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 26  
(At Randwick)



straight of six furlongs is probably unique in Australia, for although there are one or two other straight sixes, they do not compare with that at Flemington. The river flats provide a splendid foundation, and are always so well grassed that they are a delight to trainers, while the big sand track has been made perfect by considerable labour and a tan track is a very useful adjunct.

Steeplechasing survives in Victoria due to hunting enthusiasts and encouragement by the V.R.C. The tendency has been to tone down the fences which, in the early days, were real raspers. Of later days "Jumbo" and other terrors have disappeared, to be replaced by well-packed brush obstacles which still require jumping but are not the terrors of the early days.

The V.R.C. is fortunate in being supported so admirably by the V.A.T.C. with its fine course at Caulfield. This club was formed originally in 1876 by some enthusiastic amateur riders and owners with the idea of providing more opportunities for the amateurs. However, like many such ventures, the original scheme soon became lost but out of it arose a powerful and wealthy club with its rich Caulfield Cup.

Welcome back to the fold, Reg Burnham and Allan Stewart, who have resumed racing.

Best times this season so far have been:— 19, 19.2 and 19.5 secs. Bill Kendall, 21.3 and 21.5 Harry Davis, 21.7 Geoff Laforest, 21.8 John Dexter.

To those who have not partaken of the fun in the Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we again tell the story that races are held weekly on these days, and all members will be very welcome. If you are a good swimmer you will soon be better and there's a guarantee that the mediocre performers will soon knock seconds off their times after a few races. Anyhow, good or poor, all swimmers will thoroughly enjoy their lunch hours in our Pool.

### Results

13th October, 1953—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final: H. Herman (28) 1, M. Fuller (21) 2, R. Harris (22) 3. Time, 27.9 secs. 2nd Division Final: T. M. Wayland (25) 1, V. Thiekness (24) 2, A. P. Rennix (23) 3. Time, 24.6 secs.

20th October, 1953—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final:

C. Godhard (28) 1, R. Harris (22) 2, W. Kirwan (26) 3. Time, 26.8 secs. 2nd Division Final: H. E. Davis (22) 1, G. Laforest (22) 2, T. M. Wayland (25) 3. Time, 21.5 secs.

27th October, 1953—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: P. Williams and G. Laforest (47) 1, A. McCamley and W. Kendall (49) 2, H. Herman and J. O. Dexter (50) 3. Time, 44.9 secs.

3rd November, 1953—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final: W. Kendall (20) 1, T. M. Wayland (25) 2, H. E. Davis (22) 3. Time, 19 secs. 2nd Division Final: A. P. Rennix (23) 1, G. Boulton (23) 2, G. Laforest (22) 3. Time, 23 secs.

### October-November Point Score

This series resulted: G. Laforest, 24 points, 1; T. M. Wayland, 23, 2; H. Herman, 22, 3; H. E. Davis, 20½, 4; R. Harris and W. Kendall, 20, 5; J. O. Dexter, 19, 7; A. P. Rennix, 18, 8; G. Boulton, J. N. Creer, A. McCamley and C. Godhard, 15, 9; F. Clift, 14, 13; W. Kirwan, T. Barrell, S. Murray and C. Hoole, 13, 14.

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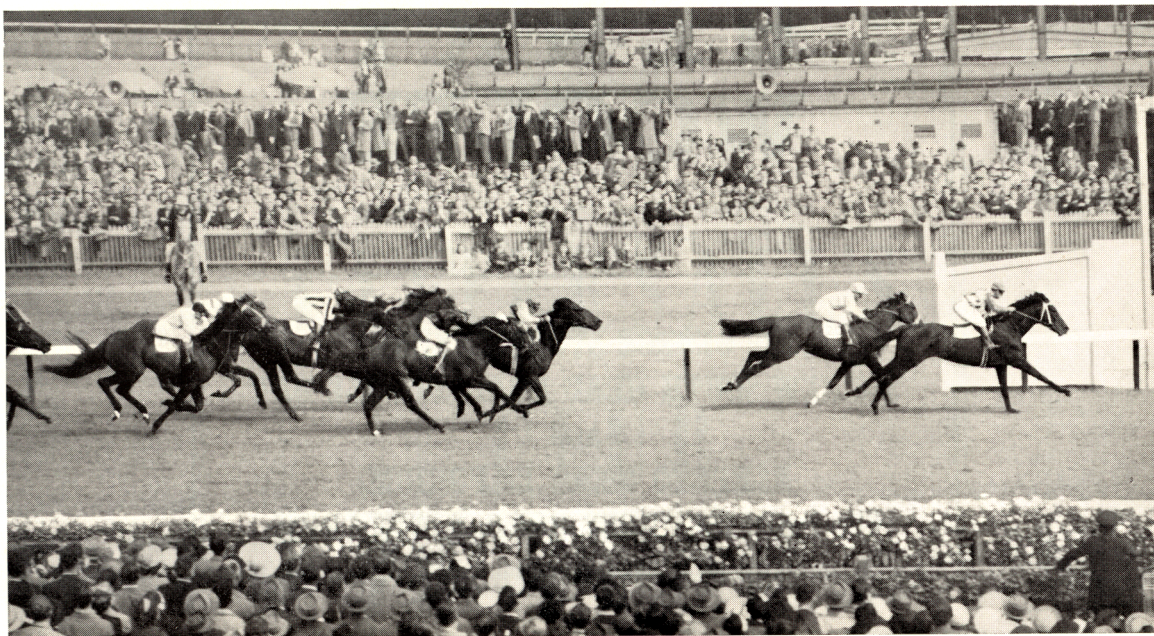
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# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



## WODALLA'S CUP

*Picture of the finish of the Melbourne Cup, 1953, shows Wodalla winning by three-quarters of a length from Most Regal, with My Hero two lengths away, third. Wodalla, a four-year-old brown horse by Helios (imp.)-The Rip, was bred at Warlaby Stud, Victoria, by his owner, Mr. E. A. Underwood. Trained by R. Sinclair and ridden by J. Purtell, Wodalla carried 8 st. 4 lbs. to give Mr. Underwood, a highly successful breeder and owner, his first success in the Cup after 45 years of racing.*

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